

There is increasing concern over Venezuela's plans for stability in Latin America and its regime's growing ties to Cuba. Last week Venezuela announced the imminent arrival of more than 100,000 AK-103 Russian assault rifles, along with dozens of new Russian helicopters and a license to manufacture even more rifles. This should be alarming to all members of the Organization of American States. Today I sent a letter, signed by 30 of my colleagues, requesting the OAS to meet as soon as possible to discuss the massive arms shipment to Venezuela and ask President Chavez how he intends to use them.